

RUSHVILLE CITY COMMON COUNCIL
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2007
6:00 P.M.

The Rushville City Common Council met on the above date and time at 270 W 15th Street, Rushville, Indiana. Mayor Bridges called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m. John Byrne, Brian Sheehan and Mike Pavey answered roll call. Councilmen Fields and McGowan were not present. Also present were City Attorney, Tracy Newhouse, and Mike Selke, WIFE Radio.

MINUTES * * * *

Minutes of the September 4, 2007 meeting were presented for approval. Pavey made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Byrne seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT * * * *

Mayor Bridges reported the following:

- ❖ Handed out an update from INDOT with future road projects;
- ❖ Was contacted by INDOT regarding closing SR 3 when the bridge is repaired and given an unofficial detour;
- ❖ The ethanol plant is hoping to obtain their permit from IDEM by Oct. 5;
- ❖ Attended a meeting in Greensburg regarding the Southeast Indiana Automotive Industry Expo to be held November 28th. There will be several vendors from the automotive industry at the expo.
- ❖ Jeff Peters presented an amended guide 5 for the new well. Pavey made a motion to accept the new guide 5 and allow the City Utilities to use the money for well #3. Byrne seconded the motion. Motion carried.

CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT * * * *

Copley informed Council that the audit exit conference would be Wednesday morning at 8:30 if any Council member would like to attend.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT REPORT * * * *

Pavey announced that he would be taking a leave of absence from the ECDC Board and made a motion that Darrin McGowan replace him on the board. Sheehan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS * * * *

Code Enforcement — Harman said he had e-mailed the information on the Harvey property to Council and if they had any questions to let him know.

CITIZEN CONCERNS * * * *

There has been an increase in the skunk population. The animal control has been advised by DNR not to get into the business of trapping animals. DNR gave suggestions to give to property owners as to how to handle the situation. Sheehan suggested that the suggestions be put on the City's website. DNR stated that the City would require a license if they were to trap animals. Property owners are not required to have a license, but they must report any trappings to DNR within 72 hours.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS * * * *

2008 Budget Approval – Pavey suggested the following changes:

1. Reduce the line item for the Animal Shelter for Part-time help to \$7,500.00 and increase the Mayor's line item for promotion by \$4,000.00 & increase Mayor's travel by \$3,500.00.
2. Reduce Code Enforcement vehicle maintenance to \$500.00
3. Police Dept move transmission line item into garage & motor
4. Move Park & Rec line item planning & improvements to Council's budget, Riverside Park Improvements

Pavey made a motion to approve the budget for 2008 with these changes. Sheehan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS * * * *

Salary Ordinance 2007-14 – Sheehan said it was decided by Council to utilize the entire 5% increase that was advertised. All employees would receive \$750.00 across the board. In an effort to balance the pay and ensure that all employees are compensated fairly the remaining portion of the advertised funds will be used for those positions that were found in the wage study to be underpaid.

Sheehan made a motion to approve Salary Ordinance 2007-14 as presented on first reading. Pavey seconded the motion. Motion carried. Byrne made a motion to suspend the rules. Sheehan seconded the motion. Motion carried. Byrne made a motion to pass the salary ordinance on 2nd reading. Sheehan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

A special meeting will be held on September 25th at 6:00 p.m., at City Hall to pass the salary ordinance on third and final reading.

Sanitation Truck Financing – Bennett presented quotes for financing on the new sanitation truck. He said the packer should be here in approximately 30 days. However, some of the quotes would be expired by that time. He will obtain new quotes as time gets closer.

Transfer Resolution 2007-13 – Sheehan made a motion to approve resolution 2007-13. Byrne seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Claims – Byrne made a motion to approve the claims as presented. Sheehan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Handbook – Sheehan said there were some minor errors on the history part of the handbook. Pavey made a motion to have Sheehan make the changes. Byrne seconded the motion. Motion carried with Sheehan opposing.

There was no further business to come before Council, Pavey made a motion to adjourn. Byrne seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

ROBERT M. BRIDGES, MAYOR

CHRISTOPHER S. FIELDS, MEMBER

DARRIN L. MCGOWAN, MEMBER

JOHN M. BYRNE, MEMBER

BRIAN J. SHEEHAN, MEMBER

MICHAEL P. PAVEY, MEMBER

ATTEST:

ANN L. COPLEY, CLERK-TREASURER